



Dr John Derek Richardson (1921-1995)

Dr Richardson was a physician and sex therapist. He was born in Thorer, Yorkshire, UK. He studied Chemistry at Cambridge (BA, 1943) and worked as a research chemist for the Department of Research in Industrial Medicine of the Medical Research Council of the United Kingdom. He then trained as a doctor at the London Hospital (MRCS, LRCP, 1951; MB, B Chir, 1952). He married a nurse, Pamela Durrant, in 1952. He worked as a General Practitioner, chiefly in Islip, Oxford, for ten years before emigrating with his wife and four young children to Australia in 1966.

He practiced in Cootamundra, NSW before moving to Sydney in 1977. He established his specialised practice in sexual therapy and interpersonal and marital relations. His book 'Sexual Therapy' published in 1986 was one of the seminal publications in this field in Australia.

He was a foundation member of ASSERT where he held positions of both treasurer and national president. He was president of ASSERT from 1981 till 1984. He was also instrumental in setting up the Australian Centre for Sexual Health at St Luke's Hospital, Darlinghurst in 1992. In 1994 he was awarded an honorary fellowship by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners.

He was awarded life membership of ASSERT for his contribution to ASSERT in 1993.